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SUBJECT: UGANDA'S PRESIDENT AMIN VISITS KENYA

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1. UGANDA'S PRESIDENT AMIN FLEW TO MOMBASA (REPORTEDLY SELF-INVITED) ON NOV. 3 FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA, THERE ON WORKING HOLIDAY. GOK ROLLEKOUT RED CARPET, COMPLETE WITH HONOR GUARD AND USUAL TRADITIONAL DANCERS, BUT, AS EXPECTED, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE APPARENTLY ACCOMPLISHED. VISIT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY MAINLY FOR FULSOME PRAISE OF EAST AFRICAN UNITY.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOOILISHMENT SEEMS TOHAVE BEEN AMIN'S AGREEMENT TO LIFT HIS OCTOBER 29 BAN ON KENYAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. BAN ORIGINALLY IMPOSED BECAUSE PAPERS SUPPORTED QTE IMPERIAL-ISTS, ZIONISTS AND COLONIALISTS UNQTE. IN ANNOUNCING LIFTING OF BAN AT HIS MOMBASA PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE NOV. 4, AMIN MERELY APPEALED TO KENYA'S PRESS TO QTE PROMOTE AND SERVE EAST AFRICAN UNITY UNQTE.

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3. WHILE AMIN AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE SPOKE GRANDLY OF UNITING

KENYA, TSZANIA AND UGANDA INTO POLITICAL FEDERATION, WITH KENYATTA AS ITS PRESIDENT, KENYATTA REFERRED MORE MODESTLY TO FACT THAT WITH RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENTS OF UGANDA AND TANZANIA, EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY QTE HAS COME BACK TO FULL LIFE AND WE SHALL SOON RECONVENE EAST AFRICAN AUTHORITY UNQTE. (COMMENT: AUTHORITY, CONSISTING OF THE THREE EAST AFRICAN PRESIDENTS, HAS NOT MET SINCE AMIN SEIZED POWER IN JANUARY 1971. FACT THAT IT WILL AT LAST MEET HARDLY NEWS, HOWEVER, AS IT HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED EVER SINCE PRESIDENT NYERERE'S RECONCILIATION WITH AMIN AT MAY 1973 OAU SUMMIT.)

4. ALTHOUGH AMIN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO USE OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE KENYA AGAIN ON BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, SUBJECT APPARENTLY NOT MENTIONED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, OR AT LEAST WAS GIVEN NO MEDIA COVERAGE. AMIN MAY HAVE FOUND THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITHIN GOK.LINDSTROM

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